Procuring of Crude Oil at Revised Prices

4712. SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to enter into a dialogue with the oil producing countries for securing the revision and rebate in the oil prices; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

Streamlining of Vayudoot

4713. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken to minimise the overhead expenditure in Vayudoot to enable consequent reduction in the fares charged from the passengers; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure punctuality and to streamline the working of the Vayudoot service ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The overhead expenditure of Vayudoot has been sought to be minimised through measures such as the reduction in the number of stations operated by Vayudoot, restrictions on volume and mode of travel and type of accommodation on travel of Vayudoot staff, stoppage of advertisement expenses, pronibition of capital expenditure and ban on new recruitment of staff. However, there is no scope for reduction in the fares charged by Vayudoot because even the existing fares are inadequate to meet the cost of the short-haul nature of the operations of Vayudoot.

(b) It is the continuous effort of Vayudoot to monitor the punctuality and reliability of its operations and to take necessary corrective steps to ensure them.

[English]

Standing Committees Recruitment Boards in Indian Airlines

4714. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of standing and *ad-hoc* recruitment boards and selection committees set up by the Indian Airlines for recruitment/selection of personnel in various grades:

(b) the composition of these committees and boards as on April 1, 1991:

(c) the number of personnel, grade-wise recruited by the Indian Airlines during 1990-91 through these boards/committees: and

(d) the number of personnel, recruited by the Indian Airlines during the same period without the assistance of these committees/boards ?